

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF INDIGENOUS DEFENCE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have drawn up an action plan of achieving 70 per cent indigenous defence system by the year 2005, from the present level of 30 per cent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the active participation of Indian Corporate Sector has been sought to accomplish this task;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government are considering to market India's defence technologies; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION & SUPPLIES

(SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) & (b): A ten year National Mission for enhancing self-reliance in Defence systems to increase indigenous content from 30 per cent to 70 per cent has been formulated in 1995. Being research and technology oriented it seeks to achieve the goals of self-reliance by prioritisation of ongoing programmes and fast track implementation of identified new projects.

(c) & (d): Private industry has been the source of non-lethal stores required by the Armed Forces and raw materials, semi-finished products, components and sub-systems required by Ordnance Factories and Defence Public Sector Undertakings both for products based on transfer of technology as well as those developed through indigenous research. It will continue to be associated for such purposes in the quest for self-reliance.

(e) & (f): The aim at present is to achieve self-reliance but a few items and products found surplus are being exported . Sophisticated Defence technologies are not being exported at present.